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SUBJECT: EC UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB

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1. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WEST GERMANY AND DENMARK SHOW THE MOST DRAMATIC INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT WHILE ITALY HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF JOBLESS WORKERS. TODAY THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE MILLION MORE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY THAN ONE YEAR AGO. (3.5 MILLION COMPARED TO 2.5 MILLION).

2. IN THE FOLLOWING CHART, THE TIME FRAME FOR FIGURES SHOWN IN FROM NOVEMBER 1973 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1974 FOR ALL MEMBER STATES EXCEPT FRANCE AND LUXEMBOURG (OCTOBER 1973 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1974 FOR ALL MEMBER STATES EXCEPT FRANCE AND LUXEMBOURG (OCTOBER 1973 THROUGH OCTOBER 1974) AND ITALY (SEPTEMBER 1973 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1974). THE FIGURES IN PARENTHESES REPRESENT LABOR FORCE PERCENTAGES.

3. UNEMPLOYED 1973 UNEMPLOYED 1974 VARIATION

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GERMANY 331,839 (1.5) 799,337 (3.5) "467,498

BELGIUM	95,322 (3.8)	125,354 (4.9)	" 30,032
DENMARK	12,100 (1.5)	80,000 (9.7)	"67,900
FRANCE	451,900 (2.7)	630,000 (3.8)	"178,100
ITALY	951,300 (4.9)	1,003,100 (5.2)	"51,800
IRELAND	63,976 (5.7)	78,478 (7.0)	"14,502
LUXEMBOURG	73 (0.0)	75 (0.0)	" 2
NETHERLANDS	109,731 (2.9)	154,208 (3.9)	"44,477
GREAT BRITAIN	493,561 (2.2)	621,690 (2.7)	"128,129
NORTHERN IRELAND	26,862 (5.3)	31,566 (5.2)	"4,7041

NOTE: VARIATIONS REPRESENT PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYED
IN ALL MEMBER STATES EXCEPT LUXEMBOURG AS FOLLOWS: FRG--140.9;
BELGIUM--31.5; DENMARK -- 640.0; FRANCE --39.4; ITALY--5.4;
IRELAND--22.7; NETHERLANDS --40.5; GREAT BRITAIN--26.0;
AND NORTHERN IRELAND-- 17.5.
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